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Tim Wilcox: Nudist, Naturist, Convicted Child Molester

THE INFORMANT
EXPOSING STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

Timothy Virden Wilcox is a beloved son of the nudist/naturist movement, winning top honors for both his nude photography and his supposedly exemplary behavior as a representative of the lifestyle. He is also a convicted child molester.

Networking with international child pornography and prostitution rings, Wilcox is part of an underground of men who photograph, buy, sell, and rape children.

Protected in almost all nudist/naturist corners, Wilcox roamed freely at camps, gatherings, and informal get-togethers, with virtually unlimited access to naked children. The leaders of the nudist and naturist hierarchy, in attempting to shield this man and themselves from public accountablility, have refused to distance themselves from Wilcox or hear facts about him.

After hundreds of interviews and six months of research, two future issues of the **ICON***oclast will focus on a decade of Wilcox's activity as a nudist, naturist, photographer, and child molester. What follows is an overview of the information Naturists and Nudist Opposing Pornographic Exploitation (NOPE) and Nikki Craft have gathered about this history.*

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(Talpa)

The Overview

In August, 1986, a picture of two nude girls taken by Tim Wilcox was awarded "Photograph of the Year" by the American Sunbathing Association (ASA). Wilcox now stands accused of molesting one of the girls, and recruiting the other for a European "pen-pal" club that, according to U.S. Customs, acts as a front for child pornography.

The allegations are the latest episode in a decade-long history of child sexual abuse. The final two years of that history present an astonishing record of deceit, denial, and complicity, as naturist and nudist leaders scrambled to protect Wilcox—and their own public image.

Wilcox, who once adopted the pen name "Phil Pedo," is a sex offender registered with the State of California, with multiple felony convictions for child molestation and his involvement in an international child prostitution and pornography network.

In 1978, Wilcox was convicted on two counts of molesting a six-year-old girl, conspiracy to commit lewd acts upon a child, and the sale of a person for immoral purposes. A year later, he was designated a "Mentally Disordered Sex Offender" by a Los Angeles court and committed to Patton State Hospital. After four years at Patton, Wilcox was judged "unamenable to treatment" and sent to Tehachapi State Penitentiary.

In February 1985, while still on parole, Wilcox allegedly molested a ten year-old girl—the girl whose photograph the ASA saw fit to honor. Two years later he allegedly molested the girl again, this time at the Sequoians Family Nudist Club in Castro Valley, California, where Wilcox was, until February 1989, a member. (Continued on page 2☛)

Naturist Leader Urges Restraint

October 4, 1988

Nikki Craft,

I have no idea what you intend to do with the information in your hands but perhaps you will allow yourself to be inhibited from premature disclosure and public defamation of Tim Wilcox by this letter on his behalf.

You could do a lot of harm by self righteous and undiscriminating publication of information that you have misappropriated from The Naturist Society files. You are surely aware that you were entitled to such information only when and insofar as you were an employee subject to supervision.

Sincerely,
Lee Baxandall
The Naturist Society

How much harm, we must ask, has been done by the efforts of Baxandall and others to conceal the active involvement of child molesters and child pornographers in naturist and nudist organizations?

The letter that Baxandall enclosed by Louise Flanagan will be published in a future issue of the **ICON***oclast.*

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The Naturist Society
1988 West Coast Gathering

TIM WILCOX

Man of the Year, 1987
Public Relations Representative, 1985
Western Sunbathing Association

Rick Athearn Award
Photograph of the Year, 1987
American Sunbathing Association

Editor of Newsletter
Photographer of the Year
Camp Photographer
Public Relations Officer
Sequoians Family Nudist Camp
Castro Valley, California

Member in Good Standing
River Dippers
Bay Area Naturist Network
Naturist Society
American Sunbathing Association
Sequoians

Mentally Disturbed Sex Offender, 1979
Superior Court of California,
Los Angeles, California

Multiple Felony Convictions, 1979
Child Molestation — 2 Counts
Conspiracy to Sell a Child Under Fourteen

Registered (PC290) Sex Offender
State of California

Child Molestation, 1989
Disposition Pending
Hayward, California

The Web of Complicity

The management at Sequoians first learned of Tim Wilcox's prior convictions in late 1986, when U.S. Customs officials questioned club personnel about his involvement with Robbert Broekstra.

Broekstra, a frequent contributor to U.S. naturist and nudist publications, is a Dutch naturist who operates an international teen "pen pal" service. Through representatives like Wilcox, Calvin Brugge (another Sequoians member convicted of child molestation), and James O'Boyle (a long-time naturist and ex-police officer convicted on 100 counts of raping and sodomizing young boys), Broekstra recruits children into the network from the Sequoians, Rawhide, San Robles, and other naturist and nudist clubs across the United States. The children, thought to be mostly girls, are asked to send nude photos of themselves along with their letters to Gouda, Holland, where Broekstra lives. According to Oakland, California Vice Officer Bill Grijalva, U.S. Customs officials believe these photographs are published in European child pornography magazines.

When Sequoians PR director and vice president Louise Flanagan became aware of Wilcox's prior convictions as early as 1986, she failed to notify other nudist organizations, and likewise failed to recommend Wilcox for the ASA's "Caution List." Flanagan's stance was not one of neglect, but of complicity. As his lover for two years, Flanagan negated the concerns that many people expressed about Wilcox and vilified those who questioned his behavior. She worked to gain Wilcox more credibility, and lied in letters she wrote in his behalf. [Letters will be printed in full in an upcoming issue of *the* **Icon***oclast*.] Flanagan's efforts were instrumental in helping Wilcox remain an honored member of nudist and naturist groups.

In July of 1987, backed by Flanagan's nomination, Wilcox was named "Man of the Year" by the Western Sunbathing Association. In June of 1988—less than a year later—Wilcox was indicted for two counts of child molestation in Alameda County.

When Sequoians member Cal Brugge resigned as editor of the club's newsletter in late September of 1988, Wilcox took over the editor's job with the unqualified support of the Sequoian board of directors. Brugge, it turns out, had just been arrested after confessing to molesting a thirteen-year-old girl he had brought to Sequoians. Despite the arrest, Brugge resigned voluntarily and was commended for his work; he was neither asked nor forced to leave, and continued to be a member of Sequoians until February 12, 1989 when Wilcox and Brugge were both allowed to resign "without prejudice."

On October 12th, 1988, fully aware that Wilcox was a registered sex offender with prior child molestation convictions, Louise Flanagan, the Sequoians management, and Western Sunbathing Association officials declared that Wilcox "poses no threat to anyone." In a letter to WSA Internal Affairs Chair Ricc Bieber, they urged him to "stop investigating or otherwise dealing with the request to put Tim on the ASA Caution List," and to inform any persons who complained about Wilcox that they were out of order.

Wilcox retained his position as editor of the Sequoians newsletter until February 1989, and Sequoians defended both Wilcox and Brugge until January 24, 1989, when police cut the chain at the club entrance and went in with search warrants pertaining to Wilcox, Brugge, and Stephen B. Toothaker. Toothaker had provided Brugge with his travel trailer at Sequoians, which Brugge then used to show pornographic materials to his thirteen-year-old daughter and to the thirteen year-old-girl he molested in Toothaker's trailer..

According to Kelly Figueroa, the mother of Brugge's victim, in an August 1988 phone conversation Mary Quinn, president of Sequoian's, defended Brugge's continued membership in Sequoians. According to Figueroa, in a calloused and unconcerned manner, Quinn argued that there was no problem with Brugge remaining a member, since there were no other girls at Sequoians the same age as the girl that he had molested. On October 9, 1988 the Sequoians board of directors approved Brugge's purchase of a trailer on Sequoians grounds.

On June 5, 1989, after twenty years in the Navy, Brugge was convicted by a military court on four counts of child molestation. He is now serving a

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six-month sentence, and will receive a dishonorable discharge from the Navy with loss of all pensions.

This February, in an arrangement between the Alameda District Attorney and Wilcox's attorney, Tim Wilcox pled no contest to one count of Sexual Battery (See page 9). He would have received a three year probation, with a stipulation that he not be allowed to photograph nudist children or attend nudist camps. But in April the deal fell through when a Superior Court judge refused to accept Wilcox's plea because of information he had received from the probation report.

Wilcox and His Buddies: "Just Having Sex?"

When I asked attorney Lawrence Stanley recently by phone if he knows Tim Wilcox, he asked, "Is he the same Wilcox who was convicted for sex?"

"For having sex with a *minor*," I replied.

Stanley, a tireless legal advocate for pedophiles, ASA member and past member of The Naturist Society, is the author of several articles in *The ASA Bulletin* campaigning for more photographs of nudist children, and he has written a piece in *Playboy's* "Forum" entitled "The Myth of Child Pornography."

Stanley informed me that Wilcox had been included in a Senate Subcommittee hearing from 1978 because of his involvement with the Childhood Sensuality Circle, an involvement that, according to Stanley, "basically linked him to a so-called sex ring which was obviously just people who were having sex."

The chart printed on this page maps an interstate and international network of men, predominately nudists and naturists, all of whom have been convicted of child molestation, child prostitution and/or child pornography. Many are still actively involved with nudist and naturist groups and some are still known to be in correspondence with each other. Several of these men have been rearrested and are incarcerated for child pornography, prostitution or molestation since 1980.

In addition to Wilcox, the chart lists:

•John Jefferson Poland (a.k.a. Jefferson "Clitlick" Freedom), a longtime naturist who writes a column under the alias of "Tahanga" for *Bare In Mind*, a California-based nudist newspaper. Poland submits his column from behind bars in San Diego, where he is being held on sexual molestation charges stemming from an incident on Black's Beach.

Poland/Freedom is a committed pedophile who wrote in a letter dated July 9, 1988 from San Diego County Jail to Lee Baxandall saying: "Of course my alleged activities [with children] back in 1980 were entirely non-coercive, consensual and non-violent. Society forgives people who kill children sooner than those who love them improperly."

Clitlick has been a frequent contributor of beach updates to *Clothed With the Sun* (now renamed *Nude & Natural.)* He has been a political

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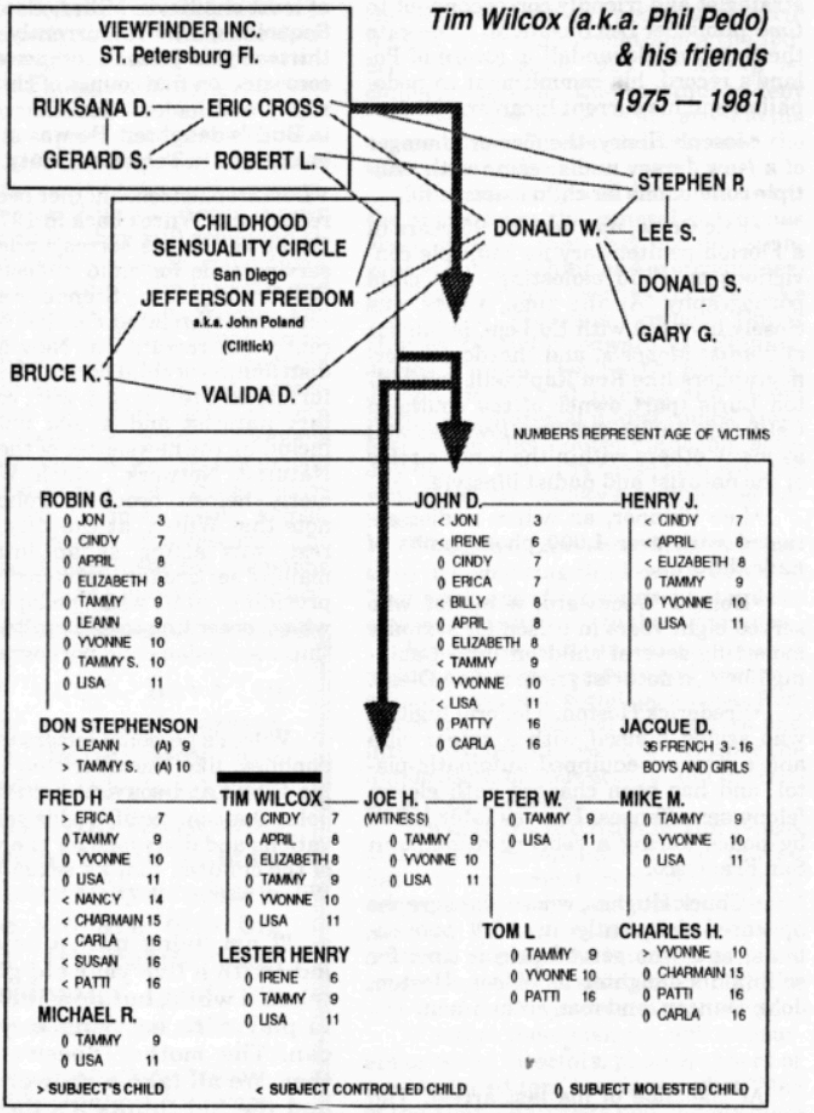

Residence of Pedophiles

JOE HENRY CASE

JOHN DUNCAN
FREDERICK HOSTON
CHARLES HUGHES
LESTER HENRY
ROBIN FREDERICK GARRETT
TOM L
MIKE M
TIM WILCOX

DON WOODWARD CASE

CALIFORNIA

JEFFERSON FREEDOM
VALIDA DAVILLA
GARY G.
BRUCE K.
STEPHEN S.

FLORIDA

DON STEPHENSON
RUKSANA D.
GERARD S
ERIC CROSS

UTAH
MICHAEL RADERLOVICH

FRANCE
JACQUE D.

WASHINGTON
ROBERT LODGE

VIRGINIA
DON WOODWARD

NEW YORK
JOE HENRY

ENGLAND
PETER WINDSOR

NEW MEXICO
LEE SKINNER

TEXAS
DON S.

INDIANA
LESTER HENRY

The charts printed above are designed and submitted on February 21, 1985 by Bill Dworin, Investigating Officer for the Los Angeles County Sexually Abused Children's Unit, to the "Senate Subcommittee Investigations on Child Pornography and Pedophilia." Last names printed when available.

strategist and friendly correspondent to *CwS* publisher Lee Baxandall — despite the fact that Baxandall is aware of Poland's record, his commitment to pedophilia, and his current incarceration.

•Joseph Henry, the former manager of a New Jersey nudist camp with multiple convictions for child molestation.

•Eric Cross, now serving 95 years in a Florida penitentiary for multiple convictions on child molesting and child pornography. At the time, Cross was closely involved with Ed Leja, publisher of *Nudist Moppets*, and "hardcore" pornographers like Ron Raphaelli and Milton Luris (part owner of the southern California nudist club Swallows), as well as many others within the inner circles of the naturist and nudist lifestyle.

•Lee Skinner, an active nudist arrested with over 1,000 photographs of nude children.

•Donald Woodward, a nudist who served eight years in prison for sexually molesting several children from Camping Bares, a naturist group in San Diego.

•Frederick Hoston, a federal fugitive who armed himself with a sniper rifle and a silencer-equipped automatic pistol, and has been charged with eleven felony sex offenses. He was later killed by police during a robbery attempt in San Francisco.

• Chuck Hughes, whose photographs appeared frequently in ASA publications, and who served prison time for selling his daughter to Wilcox, Hoston, John Duncan, and many other men.

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At the time of his last arrest, Tim Wilcox was networking with numerous other convicted child molesters and/or pornographers from all over the country, most of whom are naturists or nudists.

These men include:

•James O'Boyle, nudist, longtime member of The Naturist Society, and ex-police officer from Pennsylvania convicted of 100 counts of rape and sodomy of 13 boys. In the summer of 1987, while attending a gathering sponsored by The Naturist Society, O'Boyle was questioned by Naturist Society representatives and police for his involvement with an eleven-year-old boy brought there by Paul Zimmer, a nudist and anti-circumcision advocate who has since been convicted on sodomy charges related to that weekend.

•Don Burns, a convicted child molester, now a federal fugitive, who supplied his ten-year-old daughter to Wilcox for photography, and sold her to at least one Kevin Miller, also a guest at Sequoians, who is currently serving a thirteen year prison sentence after being convicted on five counts of child pornography and molestation charges related to Burn's daughter. He was also wanted on charges in Tehama County.

• Don Stephenson, another pedophile arrested with Wilcox back in 1978 who has remained a close correspondent. After serving time for child molestation in a California prison, Stephenson was arrested on unrelated charges and is currently incarcerated in New Mexico for distribution of child pornography. Wilcox furnished Stephenson with complimentary naturist and nudist publications, including the newsletter of the Bay Area Naturist Network, which Wilcox formerly helped produce. Police reports note that Wilcox, at the time of his arrest, was acting as an intermediary mailing service for Stephenson and was providing him with pedophile books which, according to Officer Bill Grijalva, "included Asian child pornography."

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Wilcox's personal letters to other pedophiles, like these written in 1975 to his friend and convicted child molester John Duncan, testify to his selfish motivations and disregard for the well-being of the children that he sexually abused. Wilcox wrote:

"I am living now a days with a lady with a five year old girl. It has taken a while, but now the girl likes to play with my penis anytime she can. The mother doesn't mind either. We all take a shower together and the kid thinks it's the greatest thing in the world. The kid plays with my penis and I really dig it. I have played with her vulva and she lets me for about a minute and then tells me to stop.

I will be in LA in Sept. Can you line me up with a couple of ten year olds that I can photograph. I would love to get together with you and get a photograph of a ten year old sucking on your big hard penis.

No I haven't seen the latest Lolita. Do you have it? Know where I can get one in this country?

Letter from Tim Wilcox to John Duncan June 21, 1975

"Sounds like you have a good time at the nudist camp. You can let Yvonne [aged ten] suck my 'ding-a-ling' any time she wants to."

"You ask about me photographing some guys kids?? You must be asking about some guy that was in the junk yard one day. No, my contact never got to talk to the guy again. I don't know if he knows the guy or not. I don't think so. I have asked him over tonight so we can talk about photography, as he is in to it also. I hope with all his contacts in Auburn, he can find some kids that we can both photograph together.

"I like the idea of the two way mirror at Chucks. Lets have a big party of about 20 little girls, and take them to Chucks and give them alot to drink so that they go to the bathroom often. You say that you wouldn't mind taking out the lady upstairs. That doesn't sound like you at all. You don't go for the old ladys. (Over the hill. "12") I will take her out and you can baby sit."

"Hope that you and Irene had a fucking good time in San Diego with April. My Lisa [aged five] wants to know when you are going to come up and lick her vulva. Want some more photos of my kid??"

Letters from Tim Wilcox to John Duncan

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The Nudist Coverup

If we heed what happened with Tim Wilcox and Sequoians Family Nudist Camp, we can better understand how pedophiles operate and how they worm their way into trusted positions with access to children. If we pay particular attention, then maybe next time some cool dude with three cameras strapped around his belt comes swaggering onto the scene, people will ask themselves, and others: "Why is this guy taking hundreds of pictures of nudist children; and why he is recruiting those children to

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We'd Like To Talk To You

If you have information regarding Tim Wilcox, his buddies and/or Sequoians Board of Directors handing of the Tim Wilcox/Cal Brugge affair please write NOPE, Box 4636, East Lansing, Michigan 48826 or call 408-427-2858 and leave a message.

Anonymity Guaranteed

send nude photos to some strange man, for some "Teen Pen Pal Club" in Gouda, Holland of all places?" Maybe the next con-man pedophile who slithers into a nudist club won't be met with such a naive, open-armed welcome, even while he insists on hugs and nude photographs from resistant children.

While nudist/naturist leaders may concede that pedophiles are dangerous to children, they continue to deny, despite the evidence, that the presence of these men is the undercurrent of the nudist/naturist movement.

Our intensive investigation, with all the phone calls and interviews it entailed, brought Wilcox's history out into the open. We decided that a detailed chronology was necessary to document the intricate web of individuals and events that allowed Wilcox to move freely in the nudist/naturist movement for many years with almost unlimited access to nudist children. There will be two future issues of *the* **Icon***oclast* devoted to this chronology.

All the recent public attention focused on Tim Wilcox made him too much of a liability for Sequoians Family Nudist Camp. Once he was removed from their protective custody, we were successful in pressuring the Western Sunbathing Association to recommend adding his name to the American Sunbathing Association's "Caution List."

As ineffective as this list is, Wilcox's name belonged on it way back in 1985 when he was first released from prison after being diagnosed as "unamenable to treatment." But even now, after his most recent arrests, the ASA continues to drag its feet. ASA legal counsel Robert Page, who has known for some time about Wilcox's prior convictions for child molestation, continues to insist that Wilcox has "done his time" on the previous charge, and should be free to remain a member in good standing until, and of course, *if*, he is found guilty on this second set of charges. The ASA *Bulletin* continues to publish, and presumably pay for, photographs of nudist children and others taken by Wilcox.

There had been, and still is, a concerted effort to keep the truth hidden in order to protect not only Wilcox but those who had wrongly defended him, particularly Louise Flanagan, Mary Quinn, and the Sequoians board of directors.

Over the past few years, Louise Flanagan and the Sequoian's board of directors have acted extremely irresponsibly. Even after Wilcox had been thrown out of four clubs, they still remained silent about Wilcox's prior convictions. The board ignored all the internal and external warnings about Wilcox, and there were many. When others complained about him, Flanagan negated their intuitions and personal experiences. Louise Flanagan is guily of more than mere negligence. Since she was his primary defender, as well as the person who planned to pay the legal expenses resulting from his most recent arrest, she should have done some research. She should have at least made the one phone call to Los Angeles County Records necessary to find out what the charges leveled against Wilcox in 1975 *really* were. Instead, she chose to believe Wilcox's account of his Los Angeles conviction; that it had been a "single act of oral sex on an underage girl" and had been framed as part of a "kid porn ring."

"You don't have to worry so much about where your kids are and what they're doing. Because you know that they're at home no matter where they are here, 'cause we are one big family. It's comforting, it's relaxing, and we feel that they're safe."

American Sunbathing Association Public Relations Videotape.

A fifteen-year-old child says she was molested at the Sequoian's Family Nudist Camp by Tim Wilcox when she was eleven. Being courted and lavished with toys, bicycles, and attention when they are used for sexual access to a child can leave behind an abused and damaged individual for a lifetime.

While nudist/naturist leaders may concede that pedophiles are dangerous to children, they continue to deny, despite the evidence, that the presence of these men is the undercurrent of the nudist/naturist movement. And despite the way in which pedophiles have flocked to the movement since the federal government's 1984 crackdown on child pornography, they continue to deny that these men would be attracted to the accessibility of nude children that the lifestyle provides.

This complicity and denial strikes at the worst fears the general public has about nudists, that they are not stringent about punishing and exorcising sexual deviants from their ranks. Men like Tim Wilcox, Jefferson Freedom, Chuck Hughes, Donald Woodward, Lee Skinner, James O'Boyle, Don Burns, Eric Cross, Joseph Henry, Cal Brugge and others victimize children at nudist camps. However, some, like Louise Flanagan, actually defend that it is these men who are victimized by society's puritanical taboos.

Whatever Lawrence Stanley's motives in dismissing child sexual abuse as "just having sex," his comment stands as a powerful testimony to that ignorance.

Pedophilia and its extreme power abuses is criminal activity and warrants severe legal and social penalties. Furthermore, we question the motives and intent of those who work to trivialize the implications of their actions and the critics of their behavior.

We take the activities of Tim Wilcox and other pedophiles in the nudist/naturist movement very seriously. It seems, much of the time, that nudist and naturist leaders do not: Instead they continue to place the interests of public relations above the safety of the children who attend their clubs and gatherings.

Whether these men are club treasurers or social directors, photographers or newsletter editors, lovers or nudist "Men of the Year'," naturists and nudists *must* stop apologizing and covering for them. Act, not hysterically, but responsibly and decisively, to get these men away from children. Until then real "family nudism" is only a farce.

Break the silences and their networks are broken. Tearing away the veil of secrecy at Sequoians Family Nudist Camp that was evoked in the Tim Wilcox and Cal Brugge matter exposes the support network that functions through both negligence and active complicity to protect pedophiles like Tim Wilcox in the nudist/naturist movement. At the very least, publicly identifying these perpetrators—and those who defend them—removes them from their comfortable anonymity and gives notice to nudist and non-nudist parents alike that these men represent a real and present danger to their children.

Adult-on-Child: Sex with Children

What Marilyn Frye, professor of philosophy at Michigan State University, has to say about "Just Having Sex" with children. Excerpted from Philosophy and Sex *with permission of the author.*

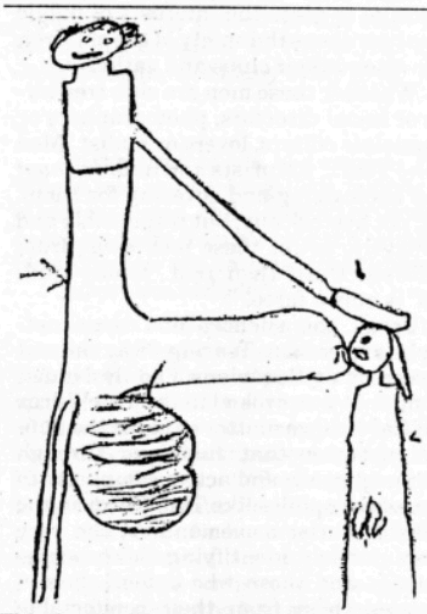
Though some people may indeed object to adult-child sex because they see it as defiling an imagined childhood innocence, many who approach the question from the life experience of a woman in a phallocratic (male-dominated, male-governed, male-protecting) culture are alarmed, not by visions of sullied childhood innocence, but by the enormity of the power-imbalance that obtains in such relationships.

As long as the culture is male-dominated, misogynist, and characterized by compulsory heterosexuality for women, most females will have most of their sexual experience in relationships in which, on balance, they have considerably less social, economic, and physical power than their partners and in context of myth and dogma that would impose male-affirming and female-degrading meanings upon their sexual acts and contacts.

The sexual access of males to females is an absolutely central matter to male supremacy, to masculine identity, and to competition and aggression among men. Men rape "each other's" women in war and in feuds, they prove their masculinity through copulation, they maintain control of women by rape.

In a culture such as this, I cannot, myself, shake off my cynicism in the face of any new effort to expand the range of men's access to females. What is gained, and for whom, by putting aside the suspicions rooted in our experience and knowledge of sex and sexual politics, and reasoning airily about "sex itself" between (genderless, positionless) "adults" and "children"?

Such philosophy only encourages all of the ignorance that the more powerful have of their power and as a result of their power. What encourages this ignorance also encourages the maintenance of the system that gives it power. Not knowing is the best insurance against the guilty conscience that might make one uncomfortable in one's privileges. ■



This drawing, by a seven-year-old girl of her own molestation speaks profoundly of the power abuse of sex with children. It was originally printed in *Wiener* (Germany, June, 1989) illustrating an article on child pornography by U.S. investigative journalist David Hechler.

Experts In The Field

The creator of Hustler magazine's "Chester the Molester" cartoon often said, "You can't write this stuff all the time if you don't experience it," according to documents filed in court Thursday.

The cartoonist, Dwaine Tinsley, 43, of Simi Valley was arrested last month on molestation charges after an 18-year-old told police he had molested her for five years.

Police searched Tinsley's home May 18. Their search warrant, filed Thursday in Municipal Court, had an affidavit outlining the statements of the young woman, who lives in Chatsworth.

"She stated that she saw numerous cartoons that (Tinsley) had done which depicted sexual encounters that she had with (him)," the search warrant states.

Tinsley had sex with her about three times a week, showed her pornography and put her on birth-control pills, the documents say.

The woman said she often heard Tinsley tell co-workers that he had to "experience" what he wrote about in the "Chester" cartoon.

"Chester the Molester" features a lewd, older man who is sexually attracted to children.

Associated Press, June 2, 1989
The Orange County Register

[Our Two Cents] Dwaine Tinsley's cartoon appearing each month in *Hustler*, not only features an "older man who is sexually *attracted* to children." It illustrates different ways to manipulate and coerce children into situations where they will be forcefully molested. "Chester the Molester" is a "How To" manual for molesting children that uses humor to lessen the taboo against adult-on-child sex.

One month the cartoon featured a Jewish girl being lured with a dollar bill on a fishing pole by Chester who was hiding behind the wall in an alley waiting for her. Chester had a Swastika arm band on.

One month Chester was holding a teddy bear through some bushes at the park and masturbating as a toddler walked up to it; one month it was a young girl talking to a friend on the phone. Her father's hand down her pants she is saying, "Gee," I'd love to go, but my dad has some, uh, extra household chores for me." Larry Flynt, Tinsley's editor at *Hustler* for over a decade, has defended Tinsley's rancorously sick humor as being against child molestation.

We hope that the young woman who has stepped forward and named Dwaine Tinsley as her abuser will be vindicated through the judicial system. But for those of us who have been watching Tinsley over this last decade, his arrest last month came as no surprise.

We commend her bravery at doing battle against the wealth, power and privilege of patriarchy. She is a warrior for us all.

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Dear Editor:

I have read with interest your recent expose (Winter 88) of pedophilia in the Naturist movement. There is, however, one additional aspect of pedophilia that seems to me puzzling and which I believe is in need of a close feminist analysis. The aspect I refer to — and I wish *not* to be misunderstood here as in any way supporting pedophilia — might be thought of as the puzzle of pedophilia's "nice" side.

Not all pedophiles are slavering rapists who want to hurt and degrade children. There are, I am sure, many rapists among pedophiles, just as there are many rapists among heterosexual men. But there are also those pedophiles who, like Tom O'Carroll and *some* of the NAMBLA men, seem to hold children in high regard and who, in *some* disturbed sense of "love" seem to love children. What is going on here? Are we to believe that these men actually do love children? Are we to believe that, for the "nice" pedophiles at least, adult-on-child sex is OK?

Though I think that some pedophiles are sincere when they say they love children, there is evidence that, however sincere, such men are incredibly self-deceived. The evidence of this — the proof of pedophiles' *non*-love for children — is to be found in the pornography of pedophilia. Just as those of us who love women hate pornography and the pornographing of women, so those who actually love children will hate child pornography and the pornographing of children. However sincere pedophiles might be in proclaiming their love for children, their love of child pornography gives the lie to this claim.

Whoever loves children hates child pornography. Whoever loves child pornography hates children.

In sisterhood,
Melinda Vadas [PhD]
Oakridge, North Carolina

Dear Melinda:

You raise interesting questions. You talk of pedophiles' "nice" side, noting "not all are slavering rapists." However, most rapists are not "slavering," i.e. drooling from insanity. Most rapists are "nice" guys who say they love women. Do we trust their words or their actions?

Hefner, Guccione, and Flynt say they love women, but, as you point out, they are betrayed by the degrading pornography they make. Their pedestal is six feet under, and the same is true of men who put children on a pedestal. Pedophiles are not so far away from connoisseurs of mainstream pornography. Both discard their "girls" (or boys, as the case may be) as they age and mature, both are turned on by their supposed innocence, their hairlessness, their childlike eyes, both appreciate the awesome power they have over the objects of their desire. We live in a culture which sexualizes children and infantilizes grown women for the gratification of men.

don't worry be happy!

You imply that there are probably as many rapists among pedophiles (percentage wise) as there are among heterosexual men. We disagree.

Unlike adult sex, which has the potential to be egalitarian, adult-on-child sex is by definition sex between grossly unequal individuals. Pedophiles are physically, emotionally, and intellectually more powerful than children, and they are titillated by that disparity. For all practical purposes, there is no such thing as consensual adult-on-child sex. We believe that any pedophile who acts out his desires on a child is a rapist.

Keep up the questioning and analysis, and keep us informed. Thanks.

In sisterhood,
Michelle J. Anderson

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for giving me a chance to support you in what you're trying to accomplish. Although I don't formally belong to any feminist group, I support them whenever given the chance. Particularly in the area of anti-pornography.

To editorialize a little — I've been opposed to all forms of pornography for quite some time for a couple of immediate reasons. Obviously because of exploitative use of women and even more despicable use of children. Secondly, I believe that pornography, probably even more than religion, sustains our society's grossly immature attitude towards nudity or naturism.

Anyway, this is one TNS member who feels a tremendous need for an active re-education and maturing of our society's attitude towards the human body — dressed or otherwise.

Rick Zuch
Ocean City, New Jersey

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Dear Editor:

I have looked at the magazines *(CwS)* you sent. I agree with you completely (as did two other women I lived with). It was obvious that The Naturist Society used dirty politics. It is appalling that *CwS* would print Michelle Handler's picture after she explicitly withdrew her consent for publication.

Furthermore, I do not believe it is necessary to use the photos of young, "beautiful," white women to promote naturism. To do so *is* pornography.

I was appalled that *CwS* got so much support for printing such pictures, but I suppose that is indicative of the type of audience *CwS* caters to. I completely support the actions you have taken on this issue. It was a noble and well founded effort you made to unite The Naturist Society and the anti-pornography movement. You took on a hell of a job and did not compromise. It is unfortunate that your effort was exploited.

Ruth Dean
Oakland, CA

PS. My return to court in Washington was successful. Superior Court Judge's Carol Fuller upheld Judge Stiltz decision to dismiss the case. The state prosecutor saw me as a serious threat to the well-being of society. "If this case wasn't properly tried people would feel free to stand nude in front of elementary schools." He said on the radio that if he had the funds he would continue this case but, as he doesn't, it is finished.

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More Banned Letters from TNS

Dear Lee Baxandall:

I do not understand your indignant, smug, condescending, insulting reply to Michelle Handler in *CwS* (vol. 7 #2). It seems to me that there were several other, more responsive and responsible ap-

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proaches you could have chosen in answering Ms. Handler's charges.

Unfortunately, for the Naturist movement and for your own credibility, you picked the most masculinist method for dealing with some serious and thoughtful criticism: you reacted rather than responded, you patronized and trivialized rather than substantively addressed the claims, you withdrew into your male ego and all of its arrogance rather than transcend it for a reasonable discussion. Frankly, Mr. Baxandall, you acted quite his-terically.

I believe you owe Ms. Handler, and the feminist women who have supported the Naturist movement, a deep and measurable apology. What I mean by that is there ought to be some way to reorganize the management structure and accountability process so the mistakes you made in publishing demeaning and exploitive images of women will not happen again, and the feminist women's presence throughout the publication will become sharper and clearer in future issues.

Given a number of letters you have received from anti-feminist men who want to preserve the objectifying and voyeuristic (read: violent and violating) aspects of the Naturist movement, I believe you have an obligation, now, to take whatever steps are necessary to mend your relationship with feminists who are, in my opinion, quite justifiably upset with you for your questionable editorial practices. I would expect you to make this apology and decision to amend the structured and process public, partly by publishing it in your magazine.

I do not know if Ms. Handler and other feminists are interested in a reconciliation at this time. Were I them I'm not sure I'd bother. But that's a separate matter from you doing what you should have done in the beginning: answering the legitimate charges responsibly.

Paul B. Seidman, RAGE
Radical Activist for Gender Equality
Portland, Maine

[Mr. Seidman received no reply]

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Dear Editor:

Yes, you may list me as a supporter of your decision to withdraw from the Cape Cod suit.

I don't know what the stage was in when you withdrew, so I don't know if firing your attorney would have been a practical alternative to withdrawing. My own inclination is that, were the case at an early enough stage that a change in attorneys could have brought about a change of legal strategy, that would have been preferable.

Your statement, particularly the transcript of Kyff and Baxandall, raises a lot of serious questions about the relationship of attorneys and clients, i.e. "Who controls the case?" My answer is that the client controls the case, and the attorney is employed by the client to attempt to achieve a desired result (desired by the client) by means acceptable to the client and permitted by the legal system.

In practice, the lawyers do control the case; this is a serious problem in political cases. Under no circumstances is an attorney to behave as if s/he represents the people who are footing the bill, rather than the client. So, if the Naturist Society did control the case, rather than the clients, this suggests a serious ethical lapse on the part of the attorney.

The practical problems, of course, are that the plaintiffs may not have tried to assert their control over the attorney, and may have implicitly surrendered this right to the Society in exchange for the legal fees being paid. While I would argue that the attorney had an obligation to seek out your views, it may not be that cut and dried.

Sorry to hear about the problems at the Naturist Society. I had been carrying *CwS* at People's bookstore, on the basis of your affiliation with the magazine and the excellent issue with Ed Meese on the cover. Are there any naturist periodicals (or other publications) which I should carry? I suppose I agree with your co-plaintiff that naturism is "irrelevant in the grand scheme of things," at least when presented solely as a social preference. So, I don't feel obliged to carry naturist publications for their own sake, particularly when they become pornographic or quasi-pornographic.

Naturism/shirtfree rights as a challenge to sexism and a political critique of how society views us and our bodies *is* important, and your work in those areas contributes brilliantly to defining sexuality vs. pornography. I think you understand the distinctions I'm making between naturism as challenge to repression and naturism as a recreational choice. So let me know if there is anything in print out there that's worth carrying at People's.

Gillam Kerley
Madison, WI

The case was only a few days from final arguments and the attorney hired by TNS was dedicated, from the beginning, to the First Amendment arguments. He felt that Lee Baxandall was representing the position of the plaintiffs even though Baxandall was not.

Changing attorneys was not practical. We attempted repeatedly to redirect the case and those attempts were ignored. After several confrontations early in the case it was clear that our concerns were going to be ignored.•

Dear Nikki:

Though I decline to sign your statement, I want very much to support you in your assertion that the matter in question is primarily an issue of gender equality, rather than being a matter of first amendment rights. The fact that women are required to follow a dress code different from that required of men is, I think, clear and sufficient reason in establishing your case. The right to self-expression through bodily exposure is a different issue, only incidentally related to the case at hand.

There is a way in which Naturism, along with other human advancement projects, fits in very well with your approach to developing gender equality. There are two ways in which an appearance of equality can be established: through equalizing restraint, or through equalizing opportunity. Naturism, with you, gives primacy to the second option.

Hugh Kilmer
Hoboken, NY

Dear Hugh:

In your letter you wrote about establishing "an appearance of equality" in the naturist movement. Ah yes, maybe the problem has been there was too much of an attempt to establish an ***appearance*** *of equality.*

I think you have been in the world of art too long, perhaps neglecting the world of politics and power. I am not working for the ***appearance*** *of equality; but for real equality and justice. That is not what is happening here and I am disappointed.*

No one ever said we were rejecting naturist philosophy and practice, only that we dropped out of the Cape Cod case.

Nikki Craft

Dear Nikki:

You have misunderstood my point. The letter in question said, "There are two ways in which an appearance of equality can be established: through equalizing restraint or through equalizing opportunity." The first is false; the second appearance reflects *real* equality.

Hugh

Dear Hugh:

My initial comments were regarding the first part of your sentence. My comment about the second half of the sentence is this: So long as men attempt to commit these kind of abuses, we must attempt to restrain them.

Think about it? Would you propose "equality of opportunity" to the victims of child molestation, incest, rape, voyeurism and objectification? Of course not. Equality of opportunity is a solution for discrimination ***not*** *a solution for exploitation and abuse.* *Nikki Craft*

Let Nudist Parents Beware

This transcript is reprinted from KCBS T.V., Los Angeles, Friday 21 April 1989.

KCBS-LA News Moderator: A man convicted of child molestation in a child pornography and prostitution ring during the seventies in Los Angeles appeared for sentencing on yet another child molestation charge in Northern California today. This latest case raises new, disturbing questions about pedophiles taking advantage of children at nudist colonies. Our legal reporter Harvey Levin was in that Oakland Courtroom today and said that today's sentencing did not go according to plans. *[A taped segment begins. Visual shows a full-bearded Tim Wilcox walking into the courtroom with his attorney.]*

Harvey Levin: *[following Wilcox's lawyer]* Is it possible just to find out if he is planning on staying away from nudist camps in the future?

Wilcox's lawyer: Sir, I just told you, he has no statement to make.

Harvey Levin: As Tim Wilcox entered the Alameda Courthouse today he expected to walk out a free man, and with good reason. After being charged with molesting a ten year old girl, his lawyer and the prosecutor struck a deal. Wilcox would plead guilty to felony sexual battery and be sentenced to probation and no prison time. But that deal fell apart in court when Judge Mark Eaton squarely rejected the arrangement.

Superior Court Judge Eaton: Having read the probation report, and reviewed the psychological evaluation, taking into consideration the defendant's background, and the nature of the offense here, the court cannot in good conscience accept the negotiated disposition.

Harvey Levin: Wilcox is no stranger to the law. In 1978, he was convicted of multiple counts of child molestation in Los Angeles. He received treatment for his sexual disorder in a mental hospital then served prison time. Wilcox was released as a registered sex offender in 1984. After his release, Wilcox began frequenting nudist camps similar to this one located near Barstow. *[Film footage of nudist children at The Naturist Society's Western Naturist Gathering at Silver Valley Nudist Camp.]*

This nudist camp, like many others, has members who bring their children. Wilcox became a photographer at several nudist camps which gave him easy access to children, one of whom he is now accused of molesting. *Action News* has learned that Tim Wilcox is not the only pedophile to frequent nudist camps. Law enforcement officials tell us that an increasing number of pedophiles are congregating at these camps. Oakland Vice Officer Bill Grijalva's investigation of Tim Wilcox led in part to Wilcox's most recent arrest.

Officer Bill Grijalva: For a pedophile, you couldn't find a more perfect place than a nudist colony to seek out your victims.

Harvey Levin: Is he a danger right now to kids?

Officer Grijalva: I think he is. I have no doubt in my mind that he is going to do it again.

Harvey Levin: Wilcox would not speak with us after his court appearance, but we did catch up with his lawyer. Do you think he's a threat to the public?

Wilcox's lawyer: I believe my client is innocent.

Harvey Levin: Wilcox has pleaded "Not Guilty," and will stand trial for child molestation. His preliminary hearing is set for next month. Now, if convicted, he faces a maximum of fifteen years in prison. For now, Wilcox is out on bail

For now, Wilcox is out on bail with no restrictions, which means he is free to rejoin nudist camps.

with no restrictions, which means he is free to rejoin nudist camps. *[Taped segment ends. Live studio commentary follows.]*

KCBS Moderator: Harvey, what made the judge put the brakes on this?

Harvey Levin: The judge said he had read the probation report, the background report, on this man. We have seen some of the documentation that apparently is contained in that, and it has extensive letters that Wilcox has written to other pedophiles. It tracks his history from the time he was let out of prison in 1984, and shows that his conduct seems to be right on the track of the kind of pedophile that the judge simply fears. And he didn't think it was appropriate in this case to allow probation.

KCBS Moderator: Harvey, your story suggests that Wilcox isn't the only person who would be going to nudist camps because children are there. Are the nudist camps themselves doing anything to monitor this?

Harvey Levin: We spoke with the leader of a nudist camp yesterday who said that they do indeed find these pedophiles and throw them out. Detective Grijalva, however, said that the problem is that you don't immediately know who it is. Then, by the time there is a problem, the damage has already been done. So for parents, it is "Caveat Emptor." Let the buyer beware.

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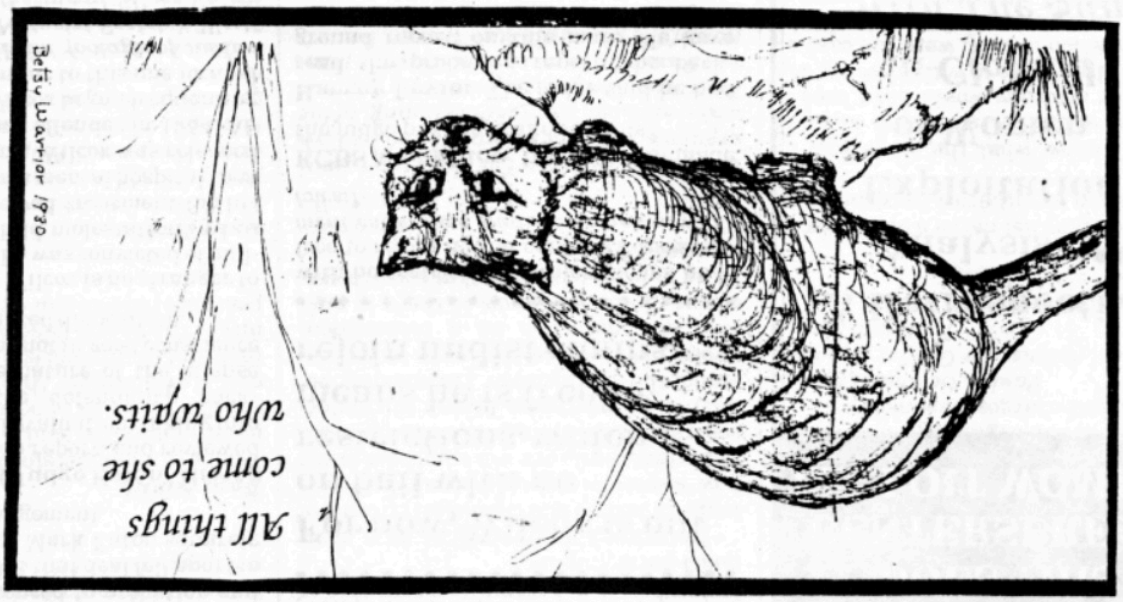

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